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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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5 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the
10 invention entitled SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE, the specification of which was filed on 10/19/2001, accorded Serial No. 10/039,601 and is identified by Attorney's Docket No. ONUX-17.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and
15 understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of
20 Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35,
United States Code, Section 120 of United States
Patent Application Serial No. 09/818,300, filed
03/27/01 for SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD
5 OF USE by Gregory E. Sancioff et al.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35,
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Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/242,166,
filed 10/20/00 for SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND
10 METHOD OF USE by Frederic P. Field et al.

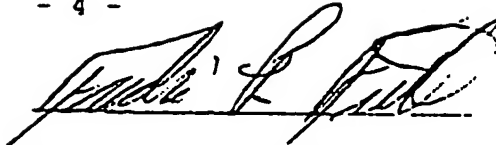
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Sir or Madam:

This letter is being sent to notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the entity status of the above referenced patent application is being changed to **large** entity.

If you need anything further, please contact the undersigned attorney or agent.
Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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